

health authorities include provision of safe drinking water, improvement of personal and community hygiene, safe disposal of human excreta, undertaking appropriate health education, awareness programmes, surveillance and monitoring, distribution of chlorine tablets and ORS packets etc. The Government of India supplements the efforts of the State Governments/Union Territories by providing funds under the Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme, Accelerated Urban Water Supply Programme, Total Sanitation Campaign, School Sanitation and Hygiene Education and Low Cost Sanitation Scheme for tackling quality related problems in respect of rural and urban drinking water supply. National Institute of Communicable Diseases, Delhi (NICD) provides technical support to the State Governments and undertake surveillance. Early detection and prevention and control of outbreaks of communicable diseases including water borne diseases.

(c) Revised sub-mission programme and Total Sanitation Campaign have been started with the aim to cover all habitations. State-wise work carried out under sub-mission and District-wise physical performance under total Sanitation Campaign (TSC) is given in Annexure [See Appendix 209, Annexure No. 6]

(d) Under revised sub-mission programme, a budget of Rs. 1040 crore has been allocated as Central share and an amount of Rs. 521.75 crore has been released for tackling water quality problems in 2006-07. Under Total Sanitation Campaign (TSC), budget provision for Rs. 800 crore has been kept for 2006-07 and an amount of Rs. 420.67 crore has been released.

Housing scheme for the BPL in Orissa

†2394. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any housing scheme, other than Indira Awas Yojana for the people living below the poverty line;

(b) if so, the per unit cost under this Scheme and the basis for selection of beneficiaries;

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(c) the amount allocated to Orissa under the said Scheme during the years 2004-05 and 2005-06; and

(d) the district-wise number of houses constructed in Orissa as compared to total target fixed for the same during the years 2004-05 and 2005-06?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) No, Sir. There is no Rural Housing Scheme, other than Indira Awas Yojana being implemented by the Ministry of Rural Development, for the people living below the poverty line.

(b) to (d) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

Fluorosis due to ground water pollution

†2395. SHRI MOTILAL VORA:
SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of States in the country which are affected by fluorosis due to ground water pollution, alongwith the details thereof;

(b) whether the level of fluoride has reached upto 11 mg per litre in some villages of Rajasthan and Gujarat;

(c) the number of districts of Rajasthan, Assam and Orissa, affected due to presence of iron in ground water; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to check the level of fluoride?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) and (b) As per the water quality survey ordered in March, 2000 and compiled, as reported by State Governments, on 1.4.2006, there are 17 States affected with excess fluoride in drinking water. Consumption of drinking water with excess fluoride

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